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Report Highlights:

As February progressed, trade in beans and pulses began to collapse due to a cash crunch that hit traders hard. As the month progressed, a financial sector problem spilled over into the general market when bank withdrawals were severely limited. Traders could not get enough cash to facilitate normal trading and hurried to dump their bean and pulse stocks for cash, driving prices to the floor.

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TRADE

During the month of February, Burma exported 65,471 metric tons of beans and pulses with no exports of beans and pulses via border trade. In February, Black Matpe comprised 43 percent, Toor Whole (Pigeon pea) 21 percent, and Mung beans 17 percent of the total beans and pulses export. The major destination was India who took 91 percent of the total exports. There was a decrease of 8 percent in February exports compared to the same month of the previous year.

Bulgaria - a total of 45 metric tons of beans and pulses exported
45 mt of Various beans.

Dubai - a total of 114 metric tons of beans and pulses exported
114 mt of Mung beans.

Egypt - a total of 2,580 mt of beans and pulses exported
2,580 mt of Black eye beans.

Hong Kong - a total of 345 mt of beans and pulses exported
115 mt of Black eye beans
230 mt of Black Matpe.

India - a total of 59,401 mt of beans and pulses exported
26,485 mt of Black Matpe
2,034 mt of Chick peas
1,348 mt of Kidney beans
11,311 mt of Mung beans
13,595 mt of Toor Whole (Pidgeon pea)
4,628 mt of Black eye beans.

Italy - a total of 44 mt of beans and pulses exported
44 mt of Black Eye beans.

Japan - a total of 538 mt of beans and pulses exported
82 mt of Black Matpe
456 mt of Butter beans (Lima beans).

Korea - a total of 345 metric tons of beans and pulses exported
23 mt of Black Eye beans
100 mt of Butter beans (Lima beans)
22 mt of Bamboo beans
200 mt of Soya beans.

Malaysia - a total of 90 mt of beans and pulses exported
90 mt of Black Matpe.

Netherlands - a total of 22 mt of beans and pulses exported

18 mt of Black Matpe
4 mt of Mung beans.

Pakistan - a total of 1,045 mt of beans and pulses exported
137 mt of Black Eye beans
908 mt of Black Matpe.

Phillippines - a total of 66 mt of beans and pulses exported
18 mt of Bamboo beans
48 mt of Black eye beans.

Singapore - a total of 608 mt of beans and pulses exported
299 mt of Black eye beans
198 mt of Black Matpe
111 mt of Toor Whole (Pidgeon pea).

Sri Lanka - a total of 115 mt of beans and pulses exported
115 mt of Black Matpe.

UAE - a total of 113 mt of beans and pulses exported:
113 mt of Black Matpe.

Beans and Pulses Exports (mt)	2002	2003
January	56,238	43,885
February	71,161	65,471
March	89,864	
April	110,323	
May	127,052	
June	87,163	
July	102,306	
August	80,651	
September	94,296	
October	81,810	
November	49,477	
December	27,193	

TOTAL	977,534	109,356
Others*	----	
GRAND TOTAL	977,534	109,356

**=export shipments not covered elsewhere*

SALES

MAPT (Myanma Agricultural Produce Trading) an agency under the Ministry of Commerce contracted a sales of 1,000 metric tons of Matpe worth US \$210,000.

PRICES

Export prices set for beans and prices by Price Appraisal Committee that met on January 27, 2003 are: FAQ = Fair Average Quality SQ = Standard Quality

Matpe (FAQ) US\$ 220

Matpe (SQ) US\$ 255

Mung beans (Pedesein) (FAQ) US\$ 340

Butter beans (Lima beans) (FAQ) US\$ 300

Toor Whole (Pidgeon pea) (FAQ) US\$ 220

DOMESTIC MARKET SITUATION

The beans and pulses market was severely affected by the financial collapse of the twenty private banks in the second week of February (see BM3001). Lack of capital in hand to purchase the new crop or in need of cash for other business transactions, beans and pulses traders tried in vain to sell off their commodities in the market. With the supply far exceeding the demand, prices of beans and pulses fell with only a few sales made with credit. Traders who are engaged in procuring ready cargo of beans and pulses for export and procuring agents cannot purchase due to government imposed withdrawal limits of cash from the private banks. The situation was so dire that business has reached a stand still. Until the situation recovers, Post speculates that beans and pulses exports from the private sector will be adversely affected until a quick remedy to the cash crunch is found.

End of Report.